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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Gazetteers

Preparation of the District Gazetteers.

* 535 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to appoint any Editor for the preparation of the several District Gazetteers to succeed the late Mr. J. J. Cotton, I.C.S. (who died in June 1927) ;

(*b*) whether the Government will lay on the table a list of the present establishment list of the Gazetteer section, with the names of the holders, their qualifications, duties assigned, age, previous experience, etc., and their pay ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that an unpassed man has been appointed as a clerk in the Gazetteer section in preference to qualified men available from the Staff Selection Board's lists ;

(*d*) when, how long, and to what places the Personal Assistant has undertaken touring from the time of his appointment till this date ;

(*e*) what was the necessity and the purpose of these tours ; and

(*f*) what was the cost incurred by these tours and the net result therefrom in the matter of the preparation of Gazetteers ?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clause (*c*) of question No. 312 on 8th September 1928.

(*b*) & (*c*) A report has been called for.

(*d*), (*e*) & (*f*) The Government have permitted the Personal Assistant to the Editor of Gazetteers to tour out of Madras when necessary for the purpose of collecting information for the B. Volumes of the District Gazetteers which are being compiled. A statement of the tours made under this order has been called for.

Irrigation

Construction of a masonry dam at Tiruvarkadu.

* 536 *Q.*—Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any memorial was received by Government from the villagers of Iynambakam village No. 87, of Saidapet taluk, Chingleput district, requesting the construction of a masonry dam to feed the Iynambakam tank from the Cooum river at Tiruvarkadu, Avadi-Poonamallee Road, and, if so, what action was taken thereon ;

(*b*) whether the place was inspected by the then District Collector and whether the work was strongly recommended in the interest of the villagers ;

(*c*) whether the then Superintending Engineer also inspected the place and very strongly recommended the work ;

(*d*) whether the villagers were asked to pay a moiety of the costs and whether they expressed their willingness to bear the same ;

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(*e*) whether an advance of Rs. 30 was also taken from the villagers as preliminary advance; and

(*f*) whether the Government propose to do anything in the matter at all, if not, why?

A.—(*a*) No such memorial has been received during the past three years.
(*b*) *to* (*f*) The Government will call for a report.

Investigations regarding the Kanchalamma tank project.

*537 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in view of the reply given to question No. 105 on 4th September 1928 regarding investigations regarding Kanchalamma tank project—

(*a*) whether the report therein mentioned has been received; and
(*b*) if so, what it is?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The report called for from the Chief Engineer has not yet been received.

Reinvestigation of the Gudempad project.

*538 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in view of the reply given to question No. 106 on 4th September 1928 regarding the reinvestigation of the Gudempad project—

(*a*) whether the report of the Chief Engineer has been received; and
(*b*) if so, what it is?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The report of the Chief Engineer has not yet been received.

Re-examination of the Duvvaleru project.

*539 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in view of the reply given to question No. 107 on 4th September 1928 regarding the re-examination of the Duvvaleru project—

(*a*) whether the report of the Chief Engineer has been received; and
(*b*) if so, what it is?

A.—A copy [a] of the Chief Engineer's report, dated 6th September 1928, is laid on the table. The estimates for the Gundlakamma project referred to in the report are under revision by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Repairs to the supply vagu to Damerla tank.

*540 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in view of the replies given to question No. 108 on 4th September 1928 regarding repairs to the supply vagu to Damerla tank—

(*a*) whether the information called for has been received; and
(*b*) if so, what it is?

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 540 infra.